

The Husky Herald

10 Years of Learning!

2011-2021



September 2021

Happy Tuesday, Horizon and ATEC West Community!

We have made it through the first two weeks of school! It's been so great to have all of our students back in the building. They are the reason we do what we do! Our staff work so hard to provide a quality education to our students and interns. I'm incredibly grateful for their diligent efforts to support our students.

This year our district's theme is *Focus on What Matters Most*. At the center of our district's vision for learning is student learning. All that we do is to support that aim. What matters at our school is the safety, well-being, and learning of our students and staff. To live and fulfill this district theme they have split it up into 4 areas on how we can obtain that focus on what matters the very most—clarify the why, fine tune the focus, ritualize the routine, and harness the heart. Last month I shared with you our school's mission, vision, and values statements. These statements help define who we are and why we exist as a school. By narrowing down those things on which we focus we can make meaningful progress in areas that impact student learning and well-being. Making important practices routine, we can ensure that the objectives and goals we are seeking become reality. Finally, the heart gets harnessed when we focus and remember the students we serve. They become our motivation to keep trying and to keep striving. With the focus on the students, we find greater meaning in the work we do.

Even though our school looks different than other schools, we can see learning and progress in our students. As we, as a school community, focus on what matters most, we can provide the optimal learning for our students.

I thank each of you for your amazing efforts at home and school to teach and support these students. We have a great team and community who looks out for one another. For that we are incredibly fortunate!

Sincerely,

Dan Heaps, Principal

Important Items

****Urgent—Paraeducators Hiring**: We are currently in need of hiring 4 paraeducators for a few classes that have significant need. If you know anyone who might have interest and would be a great fit to help our students, please send them this link:

<https://www.applitrack.com/alpineschools/onlineapp/JobPostings/view.asp?FromAdmin=true&AppliTrackJobId=1970>

Reminder of Sick Policy: We ask that if your son/daughter is sick with any type of sickness or COVID symptoms that they stay home until they are symptom-free for 48 hours. We will strictly follow this sick policy due to the significant number of high-risk students that attend our school. If a student comes with any illness symptoms, parents will be required

to come pick them up from school. If your son/daughter tests positive for Covid-19, please call the school to notify the principal or nurse so we can determine potential spread. This is how we can keep our staff and students safe and well.

Horizon School 10 Year Anniversary/Birthday Open House: We are going to celebrate our 10-year school anniversary on Thursday, September 30th from 4-5pm! We will have your typical birthday balloons, birthday cake and ice cream. All families and staff are invited and welcome!

Parent Group: We have a parent group who helps out with feeding faculty at parent teacher conferences and gives of their time to help in other ways as well (i.e. appreciation days). If you are interested in volunteering to help out our parent group, please contact Hillary Clark (801-592-3327).

Dropping off or picking up students: If at any time you bring your son/daughter late to school or check them out early during school hours, you must check in at the front desk. At that point, the front desk personnel will notify the classroom staff to come and meet the student to take them to class, or prepare the student to be checked out early. This is important to ensure safety and accurate attendance records.

School Facebook Page: We use social media at our school to post about important dates, highlight what's happening at our school, and more! It's a private page to protect confidentiality. Please consider requesting to be a member of our page! Link: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/289655102455482>

Dates to Remember

September 6 Labor Day (No School)

September 30 Horizon School's 10th Birthday Open House from 4-5pm in the Gym